

Claim 27. The immunocoprocytes of claim 7, being indicative of mucosal immunity.

Claim 28. The immunocoprocytes of claim 7, the number of which isolated from fecal matter of a subject suspected of immune dysfunction of gastrointestinal tract, compared with the number determined from normal subjects, being indicative of level of gastrointestinal tract immune dysfunction.

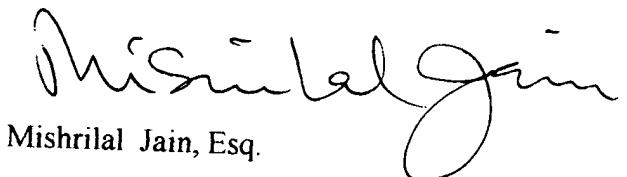
REMARKS

Claims 1, 7-9 and 22 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been cancelled, claims 7-9 have been amended and new claims 26-28 have been added. No new matter is believed to have been introduced in the amended or new claims. Support for the amendments can be found at pages 13-17, Example 2 and in Table 2 and Fig. 3 of the specification.

A "Clean Copy" of the claims is provided herewith.

Early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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